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Sir :

This Request for Continued Examination is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2009 as well as the Advisory Action mailed September 25, 2009. Inasmuch as the Final Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until August 19, 2009, this paper is filed with a Request for Extension of Time for two months and the requisite fee minus any previously paid extension fees. However, if any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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